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The CHARLTON BULLSEYE
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SUBJECT: the Ghost

INFORMATION: Real name: Alec Rois
Well-known research scientist
Genius in the field of solid-state electronics

COMMENTS: Rejected as a youth, Rois became bitter. When his studies uncovered the secrets of teleportation, he used his discovery to lead a secret life of crime as the Ghost. As Alec Rois he is a wealthy, respected member of Washington society and a personal friend of Captain Adam and Eve Eden. For the past eight years he has been a more-or-less willing guest of the Warrior Women of Sunuria, who have mistakend him for the Faceless One, their long-lost evil diety.

POWERS: Teleportation (range unknown)

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: Sunuria...wherever that is!

SUBJECT: Captain Atom

INFORMATION: Real name: N. Christopher Adam, Captain, USAF
Child prodigy--mastered university-level work in chemistry and physics at age eight.
Graduate of U.S. Air Force Academy, with honors.
Victim of first--and last--near-space nuclear test.
Expert in fields of rocketry, ballistics, astro-navigation.
Transferred from NASA to Special Intelligence Wing, 1966.

COMMENTS: Trapped in the nose cone of an Atlas missile armed for nuclear testing, Captain Adam was totally disintegrated and by some cosmic fluke was reintegrated as an atomic-powered being. The secret of his dual life is shared with M./Sgt. Jeffery "Gunner" Coslin, General Clinton Eining, Ms. Eve Eden (See accompaning file), and a few high-ranking officials.

POWERS: Due to an accident with an out-of-control nuclear reactor in the late sixties, Captain Atom's nuclear powers have become cyclic... i.e. they will weaken with heavy use, but soon build back up to their peak.
Hyper-active strength, flight, invisibility (thru light refraction), nuclear fireball capabilities

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: Captain Adam is officially stationed in the Washington D.C. area, but may be dispatched to any area of the world at a moment's notice.

SUBJECT: Nightshade

INFORMATION: Real name: Eve Eden
Daughter of Senator Robert Eden

COMMENTS: Eve's mother Magda was actually a princess from another dimension. Magda's people had the ability to transform themselves into living, two-dimensional shadows. When Eve and her brother Larry were small, Magda revealed her secret to them, and showed them how to use their powers to transcend the dimendional barriers. Once in her home world, however, Magda and her children where attacked by minions of the mysterious Incubus. In the midst of the battle Magda was mortally wounded and was just able to transport herself and Eve back to this sphere. Larry was never seen again, but Eve made a promise to her dying mother to go back for him someday. Senator Eden knows nothing of this, but believes his wife and son were victims of some assaination conspiracy.

POWERS: Nightshade is of normal strength, but possesses great skill in most, if not all, of the martial arts.
Ability to become a living shadow etc.

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: Eve is frequently found in the limelight of Washington & New York society.

FROM THE TOP SECRET BULLSEYE FILES.....

After 8 Years!
The Action-Packed Return of

CAPTAIN ATOM

SHOWDOWN in SUNURIA!

ALSO FEATURING:
THE RETURN OF THAT DARLING OF DARKNESS
NIGHT-SHADE
SOUL AND INSPIRATION: DAVE KALER
PENCILS: STEVE DITKO
SCRIPT: JON G. MICHELS
INKS AND LETTERING: JOHN BYRNE
WITH AN ASSIST FROM BARB WEAVER

IN A PLACE NO OUTSIDER KNOWS, THE GHOST-ARCH-ENEMY OF CAPTAIN ATOM--DEFENDS HIS PAST FAILURES TO THE RULING COUNCIL OF THE STRANGE RACE THAT WORSHIPS HIM AS "THE FACELESS ONE"...
I TELL YOU, I HAVE THE MEANS TO DESTROY CAPTAIN ATOM, AND ALL WHO STAND WITH HIM!
BUT, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT YOUR FOE, O' FACELESS ONE? HAS HE NOT ELUDED YOU ENOUGH?
BAH! HE HAS BEEN LUCKY! BUT THESE PAST YEARS I HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE! I KNOW NOW HOW TO DEFEAT HIM!
STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING! TELE-PORT HIM HERE TO SUNURIA!
WITH THE COM-BINED MIGHT OF MY TASK FORCE I CAN SNUFF OUT HIS MISERABLE LIFE!
YOU PROPOSE TO ACCOMPLISH NOW, WITH OUR HELP, WHAT YOU COULD NOT BEFORE, ALONE? HOW UNLIKE YOU TO RELY UPON THE STRENGTH OF OTHERS, EVIL ONE!
HIGH PRIESTESS!
GRACEFULLY THE VEILED FIGURE GLIDES INTO THE CHAMBER...
WE WORSHIP AND LOVE YOU AS A GOD, FACELESS ONE, BUT BE FORE WARNED! ANOTHER FAILURE COULD SPELL YOUR DOOM!
WHAT? THIS IS BLASPHEMY!
NO! I WON'T FAIL AGAIN! THIS TIME CAPTAIN ATOM WILL FALL!
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AND, IN FAR OFF NEW YORK···
WASHINGTON WASN'T KIDDING, CAP! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING!
THE BIGGER THEY ARE, NIGHTSHADE···! YOU DISTRACT IT WHILE I TRY THE BACK DOOR!
WITH SKILL UNEQUALLED THE DARLING OF DARKNESS BUZZES THE BEHEMOTH'S HEAD···
WHILE CAPTAIN ATOM GOES DIRECTLY TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER!
QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE TINKER-TOY! I'M ALMOST SORRY I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SMASH IT!
CAPTAIN ATOM!
SPOTTED! BUT BENDING LIGHT RAYS IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ANYONE WITH MY POWERS
WHA···?
SORRY, BOYS! FUN-TIME'S OVER, TIME TO COME IN!
VOICES FROM NOWHERE! GHOSTS!
NO! LOOK, HE MATERIALIZES! RUSH HIM BEFORE HE VANISHES AGAIN!
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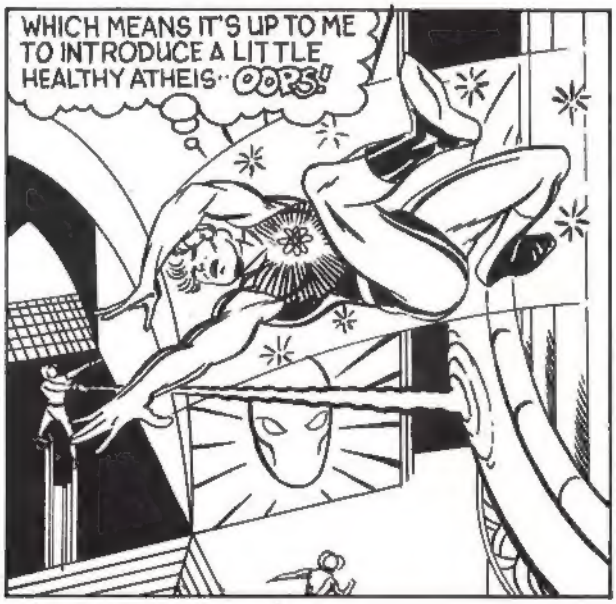
SO? WHO NEEDS TO VANISH AGAIN?
OOOF!
GET HIM! GET--OOOF!
YOU CLOWNS JUST WON'T LEARN!
MEANWHILE, ELSEWHERE IN THE ROBOT...
SORRY, DEAR! NO TIME FOR GAMES!
TOO SLOW-- HAVE TO USE MY BLACK LIGHT BEAM!
WHA...?! CAN'T SEE?
AH-AH-AH! NAUGHTY NAUGHTY!
WRECKING THIS ROBOT IS MY JOB!
DESTRUCT
THE HEAT! ARRGH!
4.

THANKS FOR THE WORK-OUT, GUYS. BUT I HARDLY EVEN WORKED UP A SWEAT!
BUT, A ROBOT WITHOUT CONTROLLERS IS MUCH LIKE A MARIONETTE WITHOUT A PUPPETEER, AND GRAVITY BEING WHAT IT IS···
NIGHTSHADE! GRAB HOLD OF SOMETHING!
QUICK!
OH MY GOD···
CAP TO GUNNER! EMERGENCY! SEND MEDICS!
EVE! HANG ON! HELP IS ON THE WAY···
BUT, WHEN THAT HELP ARRIVES···
CAP? NIGHTSHADE? THEY'VE··· VANISHED!

WELCOME, OLD FOE! WELCOME TO SUN--URIA --AND DEATH! TAKE THEM!
THE GHOST ...?!
DON'T KNOW HOW YOU RIGGED THIS SET-UP, PAL, BUT YOU'LL FIND I DON'T DIE EASILY!
THAT'S IT, FOOL! RUN! FLEE! SUNURIA IS A SEALED KINGDOM! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE, AND THE THRILL OF THE CHASE WILL ONLY INTENSIFY THE PLEASURE OF MY FINAL VICTORY!
HOLD, O' FACELESS ONE! THIS FEMALE IS INJURED. OUR WARRIOR'S CODE DEMANDS YOU TEND FIRST TO HER!
WHAT? BUT HE... HE'LL... OH... DO WHAT YOU MUST, BLAST YOU!
HER INJURY IS SMALL, BUT SERIOUS, EVIL ONE. A HAIRLINE FRACTURE OF THE SKULL. OUR MEDI-SPHERE CAN, OF COURSE, RECTIFY THE WOUND...
... BUT, IF THERE IS ANY BRAIN DAMAGE, THAT IS BEYOND EVEN OUR SKILLS TO CORRECT...
"IN WHICH CASE" REPLIES THE GHOST, "IT WOULD BE KINDER TO LET HER DIE..."
6.

THIS PLACE IS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF H. RIDER HAGGARD!
THE GHOST COULDN'T HAVE SET IT UP HIMSELF!

BUT, WHOEVER DID MUST BE HIS BIGGEST FAN! UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS HE'S SOME KIND OF GOD HERE!


WHICH MEANS IT'S UP TO ME TO INTRODUCE A LITTLE HEALTHY ATHEIS··OOPS!

DEATH TO CAPTAIN ATOM!

SORRY I CAN'T OBLIGE, LADIES, BUT MY INSURANCE AGENT WOULD NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN!

MORE OF THEM! WHOEVER RUNS THIS SET-UP MUST'VE BEEN FRIGHTENED BY A XEROX MACHINE!
QUICK! OVER HERE!

GOING UP!
OOPS! THEY'RE BEGINNING TO FIND MY RANGE! WHICH MEANS I'D BETTER FIND A HIDEY-HOLE AND CATCH MY BREATH BEFORE I TAKE ON THE GHOST!
ELSEWHERE, THE GHOST IS HAVING PROBLEMS OF HIS OWN~
WHY? WHY DO YOU REMAIN HERE WHILE YOUR ENEMY MAKES FOOLS OF MY FINEST TROOPS?
YOUR FINEST TROOPS?
LET ME REMIND YOU, MY DEAR, THAT I RULE HERE! I AM THE FACELESS ONE, AND IT IS MY WILL AND MY WORD THAT IS LAW!
AYE!
VERY WELL, EVIL ONE. I CONCEDE TO YOUR WISDOM IN THESE THINGS…
…FOR NOW!

AND, MEANWHILE, WHAT OF THE CAUSE OF THIS LITTLE ALTERCATION···?
STEADY NOW, CAP! NOT SO MUCH AS A BEE'S SNEEZE OR IT'S GAME OVER!
UNIT TWO! BELOW YOU!
WHAT?
BLAST! BACK TO WORK!
I WONDER IF THEY'RE FINDING THIS AS MONO-TONOUS···
···AS I AM?
PLAY TIME'S OVER! I'VE GOT TO FIND THE GHOST···
···AND NIGHT-SHADE!
···WHO, AT THAT MOMENT GROWS SUDDENLY TENSE BENEATH THE SHIMMER OF THE HEALING RAYS···
A FINAL BURST OF ENERGY COURSES THROUGH HER NER-VOUS SYSTEM! HER BACK ARCHES, HER HEAD JERKS BACK
···AND SHE SCREAMS!
SUCCESS, FACELESS ONE! SHE WILL LIVE!
EXCELLENT! I HAVE NEED OF HER NOW!

HAIL TO THE FACE-LESS ONE!
NOW, CAPTAIN ATOM! NOW YOU SHALL FEEL MY FULL WRATH!
HEAR ME, OLD FOE! THE GIRL IS IN MY POWER! SURRENDER, OR I SHALL DESTROY HER - AND YOU MAY BE SURE MY METHODS WILL NOT BE PLEASANT!
AND, ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY~
THE GHOST ALWAYS WAS POWER-MAD, BUT ALL THESE YEARS IN THIS PLACE HAVE REALLY SCRAMBLED HIS BRAIN! HE'S NOT JUST TAUNTING - HE'S RAVING!
AND EVERY SECOND I WASTE THINKING ABOUT IT COULD BE A SECOND OFF EVE'S LIFE EXPECTANCY! SO···
UNGH!
TA-DAH!
CAP!
NEXT ISSUE!
TWO AGAINST SUNURIA!

CONTINUING THE CATACLYSMIC COMEBACK OF **CAPTAIN ATOM** AS THE **MAN OF THE ATOM** AND THE **DARLING OF DARKNESS** BECOME

TWO AGAINST SUNURIA!

CONFUSED, READER? THAT CAN ONLY MEAN YOU MISSED OUR PULSE-POUNDING PREMIERE, LAST ISSUE, AND IF YOU DID, WE'RE SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PICK UP THE STORY AS WE GO ALONG! THERE'S NO TIME FOR A RE-CAP, 'CAUSE FROM HERE ON IT'S NON-STOP ACTION, AND IT ALL STARTS THE MOMENT YOU TURN THE PAGE---

WHAT'S GOING ON, CAP? WHERE ARE WE?
SUNURIA··· AND DON'T ASK ME WHERE IT IS! I DON'T KNOW!
THE GHOST TELEPORTED US HERE AFTER YOU WERE INJURED--- UGGHH!
"HE'S SET HIMSELF UP AS A GOD HERE," SAYS CAP. "AND HE HAS A SMALL ARMY FIGHTING US!"
THAT'S IT! MORE! MORE! HE'S WEAKENING!
BUT, AS CAPTAIN ATOM FALLS, THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF SUNURIA IS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS···
IS THIS THE WAY OF THE FACELESS ONE? TO OVERWHELM HIS ENEMY WITH NUMBERS? TO TURN THE SISTERS AGAINST ME?

THAT'S IT, FOOL! TRY TO STAY ON YOUR FEET! HA-HA-HA!
UNH! POWERS GONE··THOSE RAYS··· SAP--PED ···

AT LAST! VICTORY IS MINE! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS THE GHOST HAS BESTED CAPTAIN ATOM!
NOT YET ··· NOT···

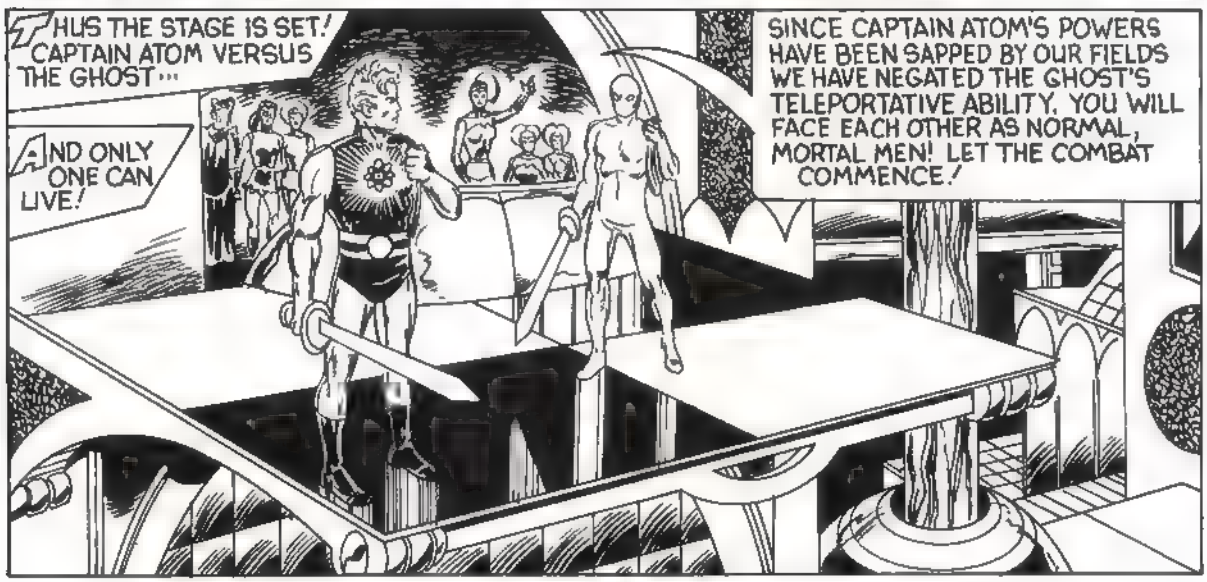
OH NO? FOOL! YOU'RE AT MY MERCY! BUT, BEFORE YOU DIE···
UNNH!

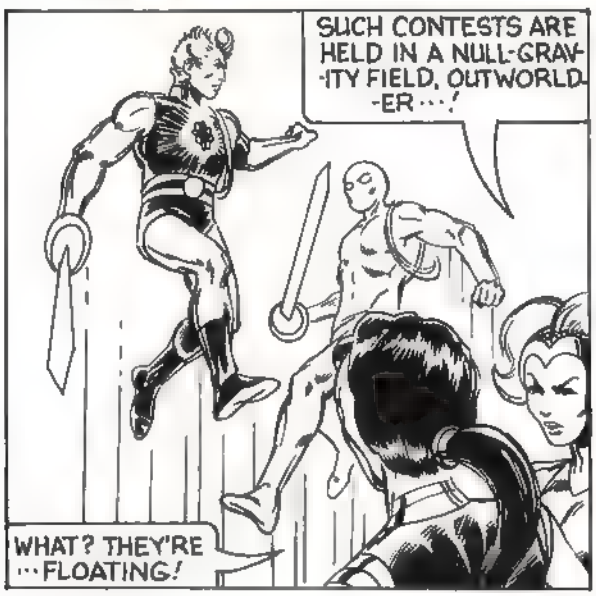
···IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT YOU KNOW AT WHOSE HANDS YOU FELL!
WHAT?
ALEC ROIS!

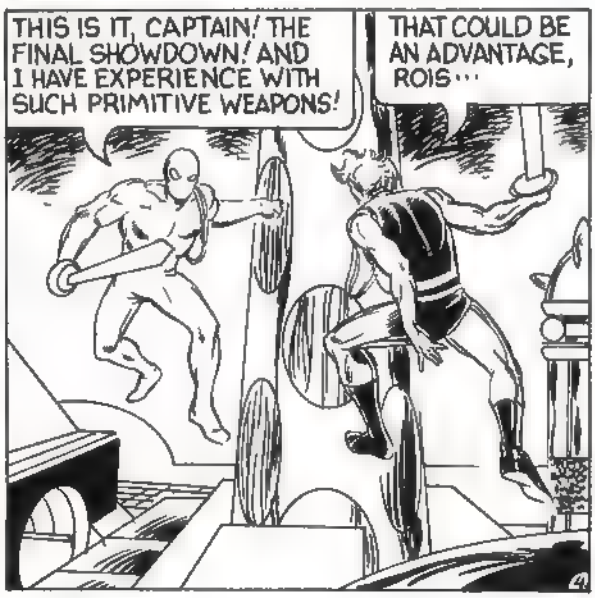
WOMEN OF SUNURIA! IS THIS YOUR "FACE--LESS ONE"? YOU SAW~HE HAS A FACE!
WHA···
HOLD! THE SILVER-HAIR IS RIGHT!

GHOST-YOU HAVE DECEIVED US! THERE MUST BE A REC-KONING ACCORDING TO OUR CODE!
DAMN YOU ATOM!

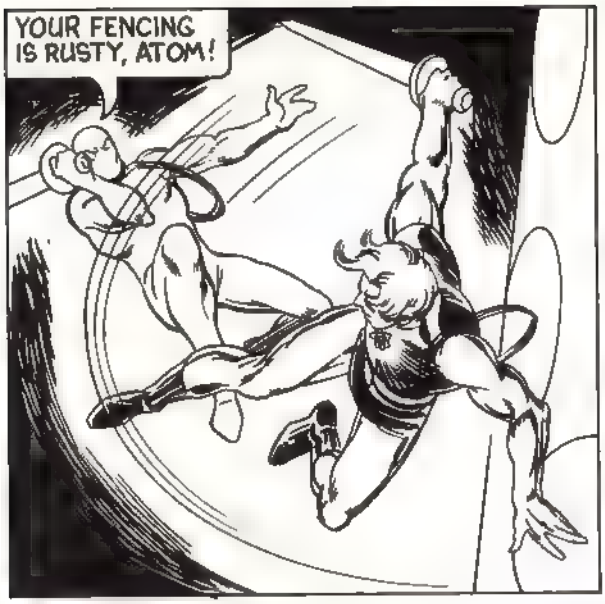
THOUGH THE GHOST HELD TO OUR LAWS HE IS **NOT** OUR DEITY. ACCORDING TO OUR CODE HE MUST FACE HIS ACCUSOR IN TRIAL BY COMBAT! THE VICTOR SHALL GO FREE! DO BOTH AGREE?
I HAVE NO CHOICE···
AGREED!
AGREED··· PROVIDED THE WOMAN ALSO GOES FREE!
TOO MUCH! THIS HAS GOT TO BE A DREAM!

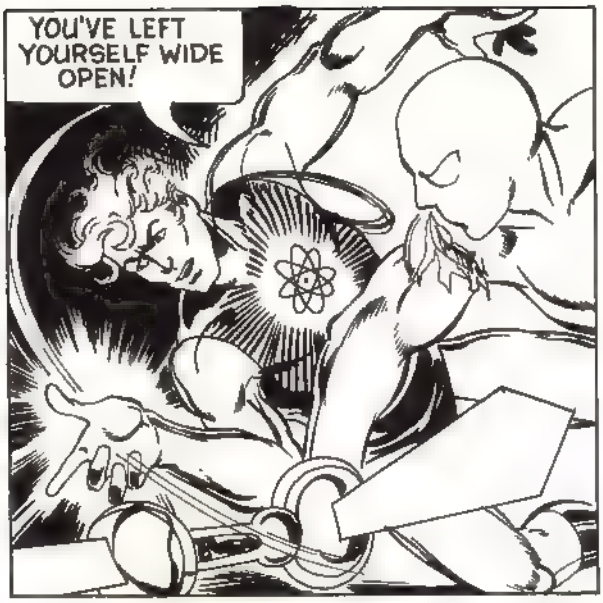

THUS THE STAGE IS SET! CAPTAIN ATOM VERSUS THE GHOST···
AND ONLY ONE CAN LIVE!
SINCE CAPTAIN ATOM'S POWERS HAVE BEEN SAPPED BY OUR FIELDS WE HAVE NEGATED THE GHOST'S TELEPORTATIVE ABILITY. YOU WILL FACE EACH OTHER AS NORMAL, MORTAL MEN! LET THE COMBAT COMMENCE!


SUCH CONTESTS ARE HELD IN A NULL-GRAV--ITY FIELD, OUTWORLD--ER···!
WHAT? THEY'RE ···FLOATING!


THIS IS IT, CAPTAIN! THE FINAL SHOWDOWN! AND I HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH PRIMITIVE WEAPONS!
THAT COULD BE AN ADVANTAGE, ROIS···

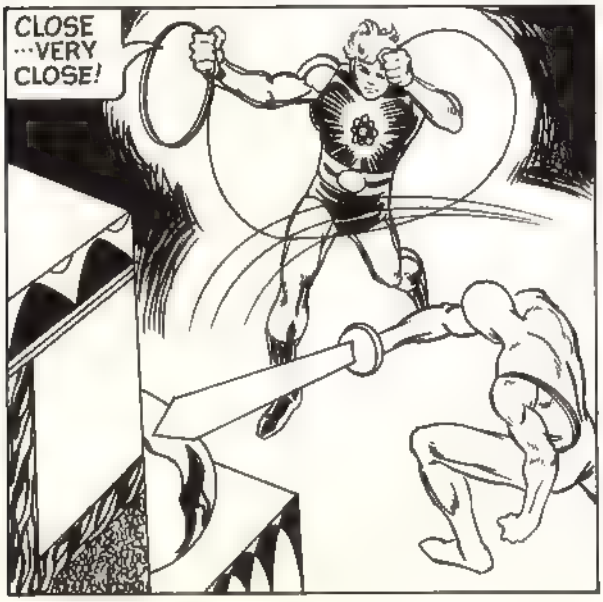
BUT I'VE DONE SOME FENCING MYSELF!
EH?
YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS ONE, FOOL! ALL ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU!
ONLY A FLUKE SAVED YOU BEFORE! AND, UNLIKE YOU, I HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT KILLING!
REALLY, ALEC?
ARE YOU SO SURE ABOUT MY SCRUPLES? DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU WALK AWAY?
AHH! FIRST BLOOD TO YOU, ATOM. I WILL RE-EVALUATE MY OPINION OF YOU!
IF I CAN GET US ALL OUT, I WILL. BUT IF I CAN'T---
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CAPTAIN!
I DON'T INTEND GIVING YOU THE CHOICE!

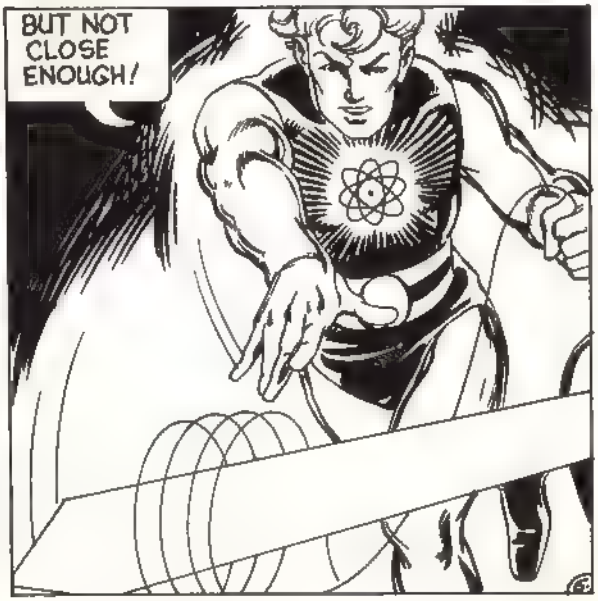

YOUR FENCING IS RUSTY, ATOM!


YOU'VE LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN!

A CRY CATCHES IN NIGHTSHADE'S THROAT - BUT ONLY THE PRIESTESS JOINS HER IN SILENCE.

CAPTAIN ATOM FACES HIS FOE WITH ONLY AN UNFAMILIAR SUNURIAN ELECTRO-THREAD AS HIS AID...
AND NOW YOU DIE!


CLOSE ...VERY CLOSE!

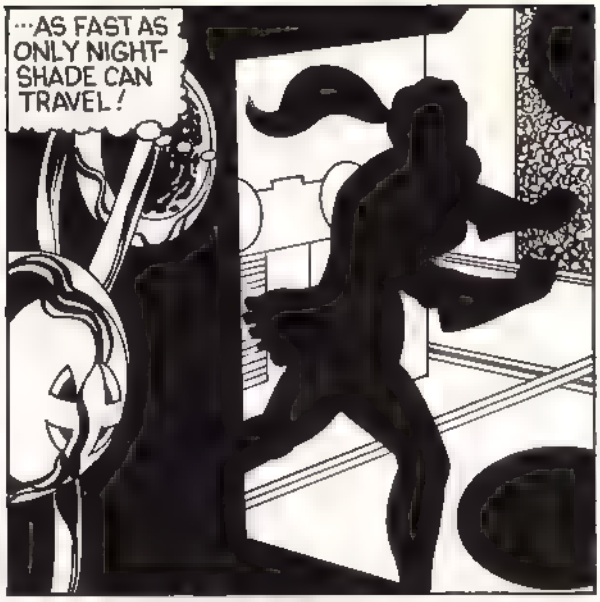

BUT NOT CLOSE ENOUGH!

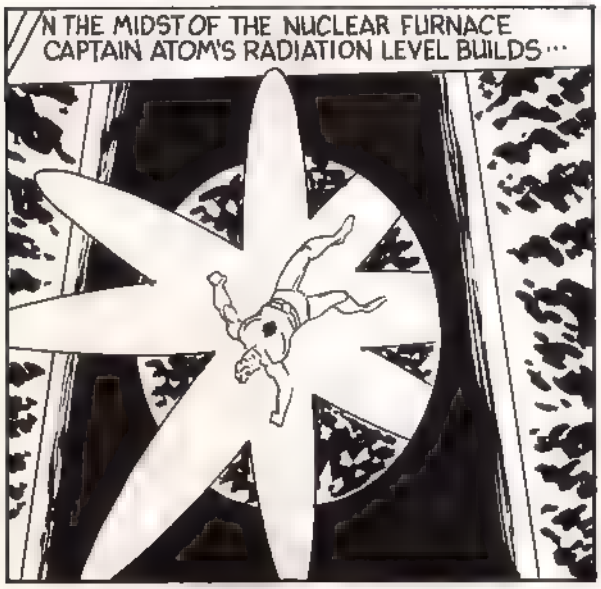
AHH! YOU CHARGED MY SWORD!
WE'RE EVEN AGAIN, GHOST! LET'S SEE WHO'S THE BEST NOW!
THE FIGHT GOES ON! THE AIR CRACKLES TO THE SNAP OF THEIR ELECTRO-THREADS··· AND THE ACRID SCENT OF OZONE HANGS HEAVY!
THE GODS WILL SURELY PUNISH US! EVEN NOW MY WARRIORS CHEER THIS PRETENDER!
HUSH WOMAN! BE SILENT AND FOLLOW! I WOULD AID YOU!

BUT, WHY? THE OTHERS···
THEY STILL HONOR THE GHOST! WHATEVER THE OUTCOME YOU WOULD BE IN DANGER!
HOLD! NONE MAY PASS 'TIL THE CONFLICT IS DECIDED. YOU KNOW THIS, PRIESTESS···
SHE DOES, SURE, BUT I'M NEW IN TOWN!
DEFIANCE IS PUNISHABLE ONLY BY DEATH!
OH, DON'T BE SO TRITE!
SEIZING THE SENTRY'S SPEAR, THE DARLING OF DARKNESS DROPS BACK TO THE FLOOR, FLIPPING HER OPPONENT INTO THE AIR!
THAT SETTLES THAT!
CLANG!
WE MUST MAKE HASTE! THERE ARE OTHER GUARDS WHO MIGHT HAVE HEARD···
LEAD ON! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

MEANWHILE CAPTAIN ATOM SUCCEEDS IN DISARMING THE GHOST!
NOW WE'LL SETTLE THIS MAN TO MAN, ROIS!
THIS IS FOR THE TROUBLE YOU GAVE US AS THE GHOST!
AND THIS IS FOR ALL THE WORRY OVER OUR MIS--SING "FRIEND" ALEC ROIS!
YOUR BANALITY BEGINS TO BORE!
SEE HOW WELL YOU FARE IN A NUCLEAR FURNACE~ WITHOUT YOUR POWERS!

BUT, IN THE CONTROL CENTER…
I HAVE LOWERED THE DAMPER FIELD/ BRING YOUR FRIEND HERE … QUICKLY!
I'M ON MY WAY!


…AS FAST AS ONLY NIGHT-SHADE CAN TRAVEL!

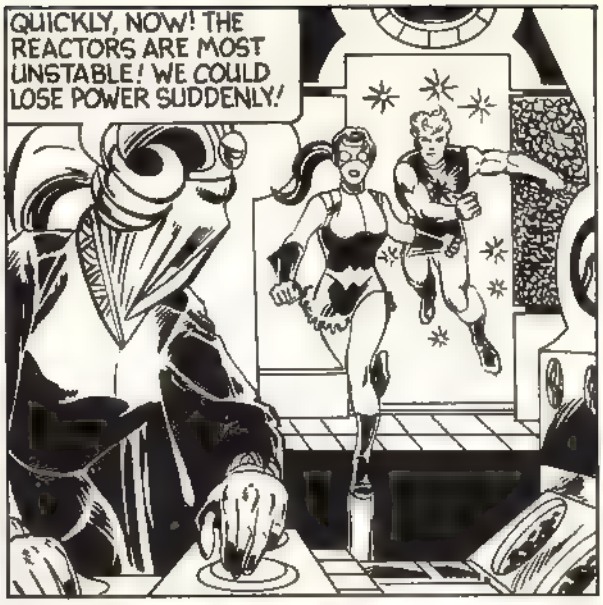

N THE MIDST OF THE NUCLEAR FURNACE CAPTAIN ATOM'S RADIATION LEVEL BUILDS…

NTIL THE DELICATE THRESHOLD IS CROSSED, AND HE ACHEIVES CRITICAL MASS!
BALOOOM

AAAAA

LORD! ALEC MUST BE UNDER THAT MESS!

IT'S PROBABLY NO USE CHECKING, BUT ··· WHAT?!
HI THERE, HANDSOME! COME ON! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!


QUICKLY, NOW! THE REACTORS ARE MOST UNSTABLE! WE COULD LOSE POWER SUDDENLY!

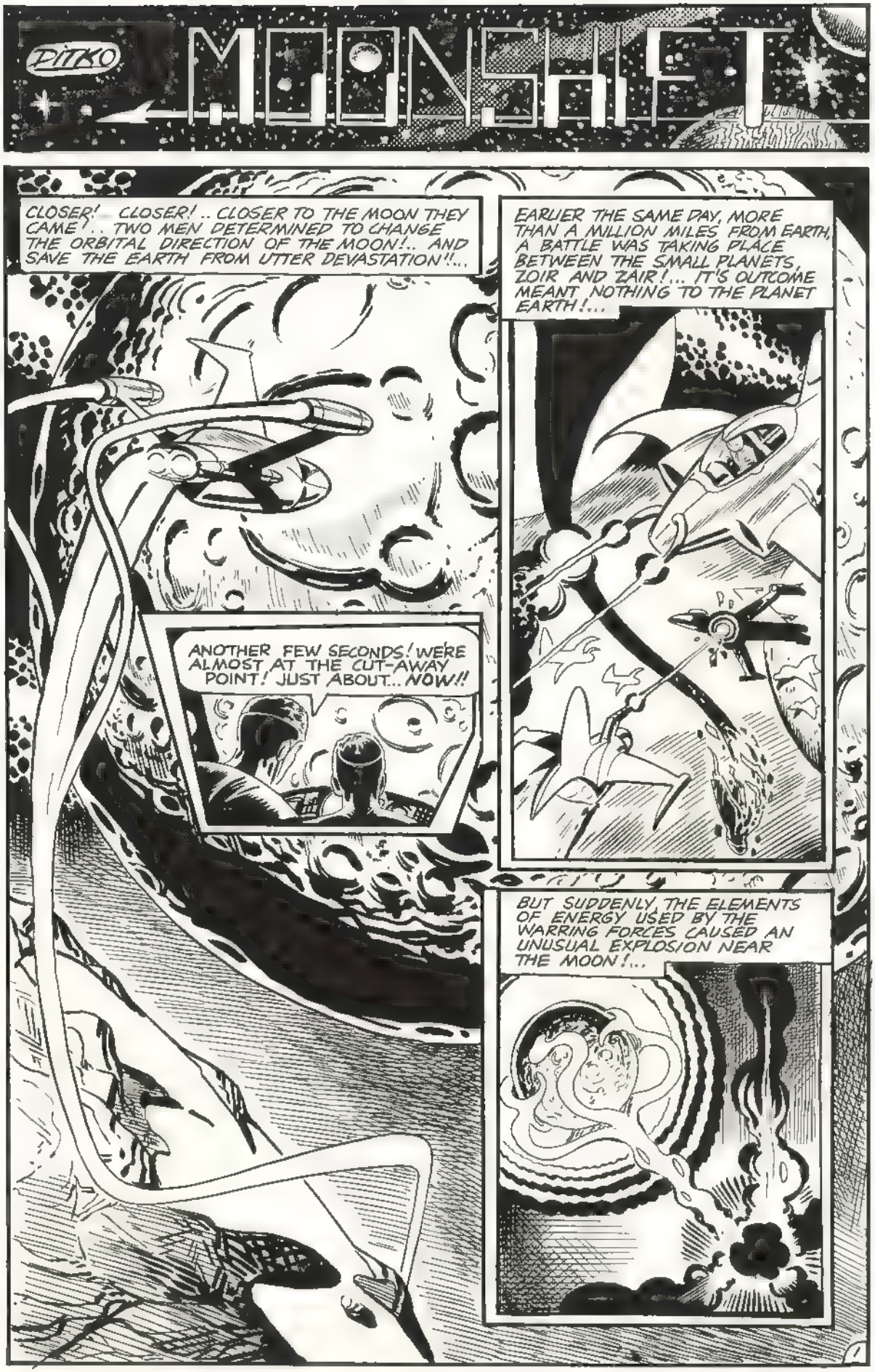
FAREWELL, OUTSIDERS! SEEK NO MORE FABLED SUNURIA ···

···FOR WE GO TO JOIN THE FACELESS ONE!

THUS, AS ONE WORLD DIES, CAP AND NIGHT-SHADE RETURN TO ANOTHER ···
WE'RE BACK! AND WITHOUT FINAL PROOF OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ALEC···
···OR WHY HE BECAME THE GHOST!

WE CAN'T EVEN BE SURE WHERE SUNURIA WAS··· SAY~ HOW'D YOU PULL OFF THAT SHADOW TRICK?
IT'S AN OLD FAMILY SECRET~BUT I MIGHT JUST TELL YOU···OVER DINNER!
FIN

CAPTAIN ATOM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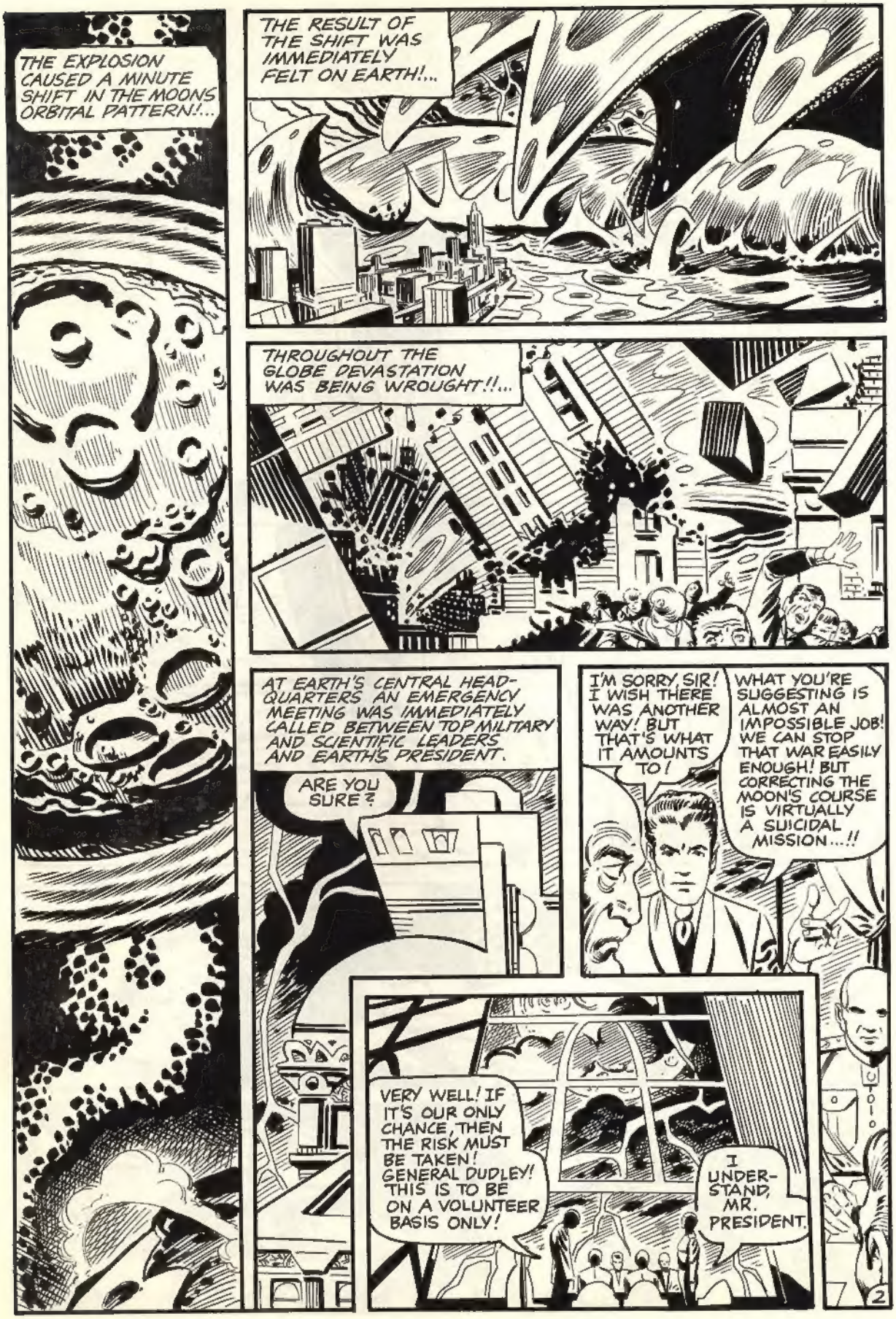
MOONSHOT
CLOSER! CLOSER! .. CLOSER TO THE MOON THEY CAME!.. TWO MEN DETERMINED TO CHANGE THE ORBITAL DIRECTION OF THE MOON!.. AND SAVE THE EARTH FROM UTTER DEVASTATION!!...
ANOTHER FEW SECONDS! WE'RE ALMOST AT THE CUT-AWAY POINT! JUST ABOUT... NOW!!
EARLIER THE SAME DAY, MORE THAN A MILLION MILES FROM EARTH, A BATTLE WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE SMALL PLANETS, ZOIR AND ZAIR!... IT'S OUTCOME MEANT NOTHING TO THE PLANET EARTH!...
BUT SUDDENLY, THE ELEMENTS OF ENERGY USED BY THE WARRING FORCES CAUSED AN UNUSUAL EXPLOSION NEAR THE MOON!...


THE EXPLOSION CAUSED A MINUTE SHIFT IN THE MOONS ORBITAL PATTERN!...
THE RESULT OF THE SHIFT WAS IMMEDIATELY FELT ON EARTH!...
THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE DEVASTATION WAS BEING WROUGHT!!...
AT EARTH'S CENTRAL HEAD-QUARTERS AN EMERGENCY MEETING WAS IMMEDIATELY CALLED BETWEEN TOP MILITARY AND SCIENTIFIC LEADERS AND EARTH'S PRESIDENT.
ARE YOU SURE?
I'M SORRY, SIR! I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY! BUT THAT'S WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO!
WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING IS ALMOST AN IMPOSSIBLE JOB! WE CAN STOP THAT WAR EASILY ENOUGH! BUT CORRECTING THE MOON'S COURSE IS VIRTUALLY A SUICIDAL MISSION...!!
VERY WELL! IF IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE, THEN THE RISK MUST BE TAKEN! GENERAL DUDLEY! THIS IS TO BE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS ONLY!
I UNDER-STAND, MR. PRESIDENT.
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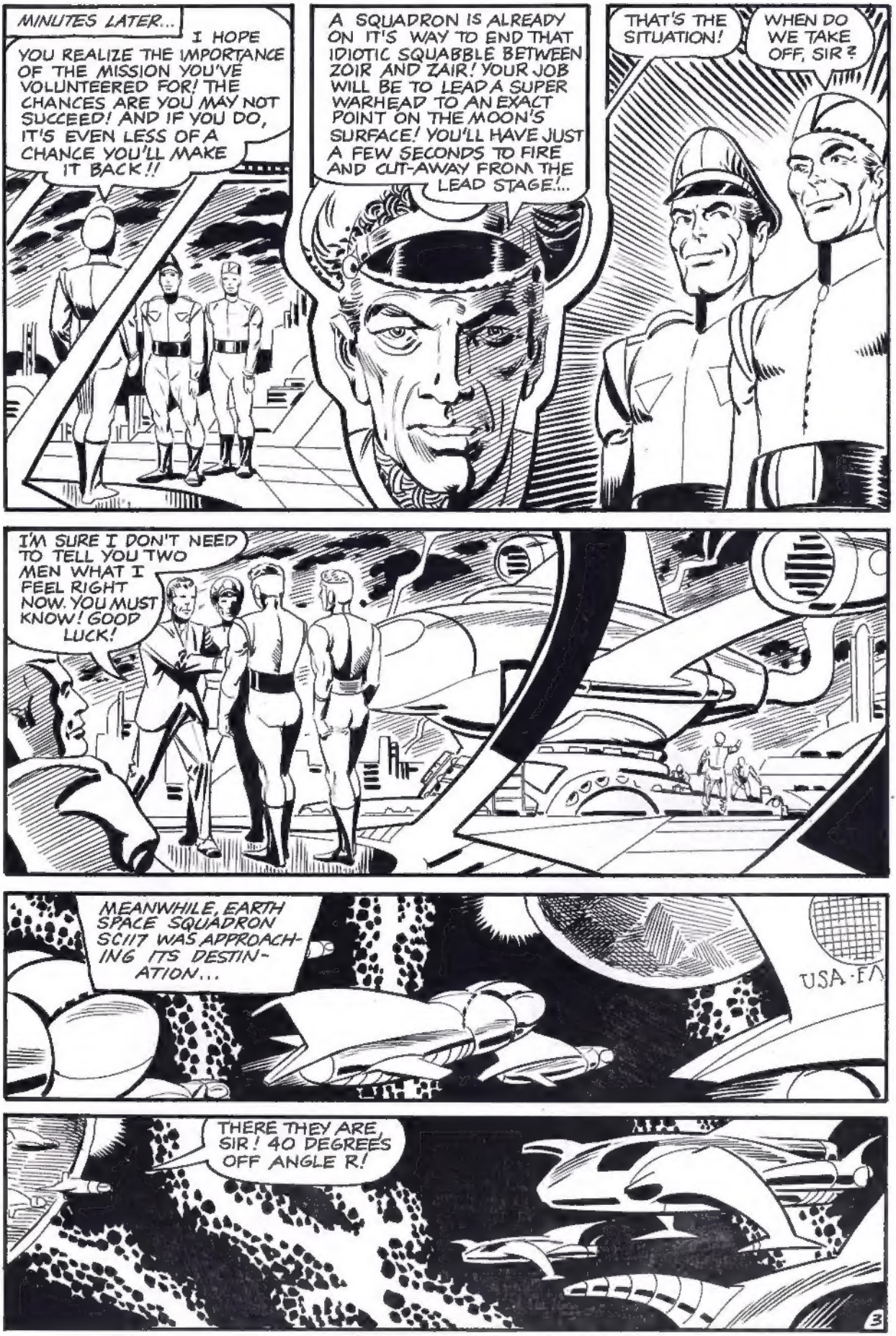
MINUTES LATER...
I HOPE YOU REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION YOU'VE VOLUNTEERED FOR! THE CHANCES ARE YOU MAY NOT SUCCEED! AND IF YOU DO, IT'S EVEN LESS OF A CHANCE YOU'LL MAKE IT BACK!!
A SQUADRON IS ALREADY ON IT'S WAY TO END THAT IDIOTIC SQUABBLE BETWEEN ZOIR AND ZAIR! YOUR JOB WILL BE TO LEAD A SUPER WARHEAD TO AN EXACT POINT ON THE MOON'S SURFACE! YOU'LL HAVE JUST A FEW SECONDS TO FIRE AND CUT-AWAY FROM THE LEAD STAGE!...
THAT'S THE SITUATION!
WHEN DO WE TAKE OFF, SIR?
I'M SURE I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU TWO MEN WHAT I FEEL RIGHT NOW. YOU MUST KNOW! GOOD LUCK!
MEANWHILE, EARTH SPACE SQUADRON SC117 WAS APPROACHING ITS DESTINATION...
USA-F1
THERE THEY ARE, SIR! 40 DEGREES OFF ANGLE R!
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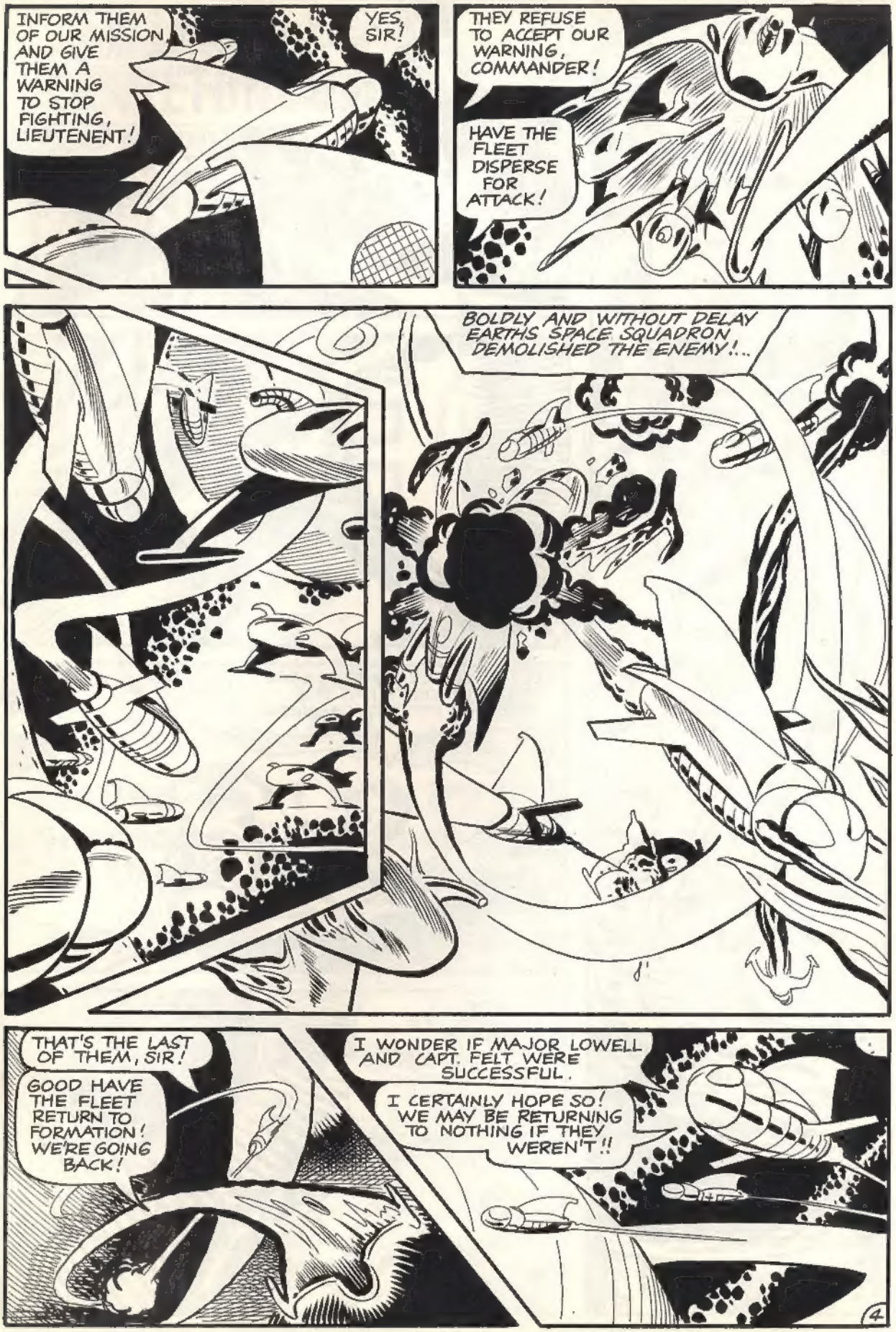
INFORM THEM OF OUR MISSION AND GIVE THEM A WARNING TO STOP FIGHTING, LIEUTENENT!
YES, SIR!
THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT OUR WARNING, COMMANDER!
HAVE THE FLEET DISPERSE FOR ATTACK!
BOLDLY AND WITHOUT DELAY EARTHS SPACE SQUADRON DEMOLISHED THE ENEMY!..
THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM, SIR!
GOOD HAVE THE FLEET RETURN TO FORMATION! WE'RE GOING BACK!
I WONDER IF MAJOR LOWELL AND CAPT. FELT WERE SUCCESSFUL.
I CERTAINLY HOPE SO! WE MAY BE RETURNING TO NOTHING IF THEY WEREN'T!!
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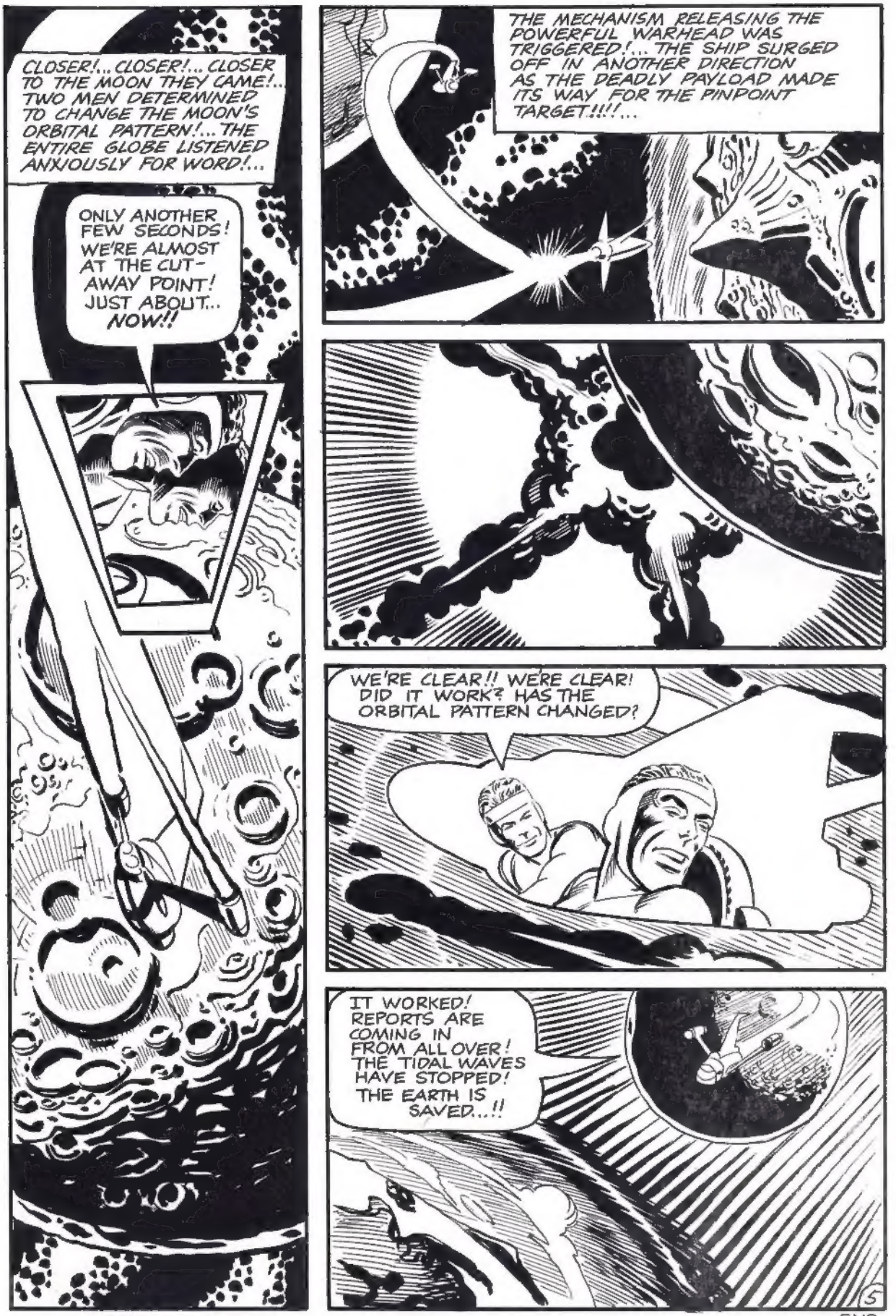
CLOSER!... CLOSER!... CLOSER TO THE MOON THEY CAME!.. TWO MEN DETERMINED TO CHANGE THE MOON'S ORBITAL PATTERN!... THE ENTIRE GLOBE LISTENED ANXIOUSLY FOR WORD!...
ONLY ANOTHER FEW SECONDS! WE'RE ALMOST AT THE CUT-AWAY POINT! JUST ABOUT... NOW!!
THE MECHANISM RELEASING THE POWERFUL WARHEAD WAS TRIGGERED!... THE SHIP SURGED OFF IN ANOTHER DIRECTION AS THE DEADLY PAYLOAD MADE ITS WAY FOR THE PINPOINT TARGET!!!!...
WE'RE CLEAR!! WE'RE CLEAR! DID IT WORK? HAS THE ORBITAL PATTERN CHANGED?
IT WORKED! REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER! THE TIDAL WAVES HAVE STOPPED! THE EARTH IS SAVED...!!
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